

Report of Head of Migration Yorkshire

Report to Chief Officer Communities

Date: 8th November 2018

Subject: To award a contract to undertake qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration'.

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award the contract to undertake the qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration' to the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR).
- Migration Yorkshire has secured a grant from the MHCLG Controlling Migration Fund to fund this work.

Recommendations

- The Chief Officer Communities is recommended to approve the award of the contract to IPPR to undertake the qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration'.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To update the Chief Officer Communities on the outcome of the procurement process for the supplier for the qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration'.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Migration Yorkshire has secured £396,930 funding from the MHCLG Controlling Migration Fund. The purpose of the application was to address the incomplete understanding of how and why migration impacts differently on local communities

in Yorkshire and Humber, and explore how local authorities learn from, deal with and mitigate these impacts.

2.2 We want to explore how migration interacts with other socio-economic issues at community levels, and how different types of communities respond to migration.

2.3 The Chief Officer Communities approved the commencement of a procurement exercise in August (see DDN, signed on 2nd August 2018).

2.4 A procurement process has been followed to identify a supplier to undertake the qualitative research for this project.

3 Main Considerations and Reasons for Contract Award

3.1 Migration Yorkshire will select 10 neighbourhoods for the research; this will be based on various factors including include migration, demographics and socio-economic data. The contractor will conduct detailed qualitative research in these 10 research sites. Through various methods they will seek to understand directly from a cross-section of residents and service providers about their experience of migration in these areas.

3.2 Suppliers were asked to submit tenders which set out their organisation's expertise and capacity to deliver the contract, and how they would deliver it according to the specification, making best use of the available budget.

3.3 There is a fixed value for the contract of £150,000. Tenders were therefore assessed on quality only (a waiver was obtained).

3.4 Following a number of bids being submitted, an evaluation panel made up of officers from Migration Yorkshire carried out a desktop evaluation on 09.10.2018. Those meeting the minimum score threshold were invited to interview on 26.10.2018. As part of the interview process, suppliers delivered a presentation. In addition to the panel, three expert advisers (a member of the Migration Yorkshire team, and two local authority officers) attended the presentations and shared their comments with the panel to help inform the evaluation.

3.5 A consensus approach scoring exercise was carried out and the evaluation panel concluded that IPPR was the supplier that provided the highest scoring submission and was therefore best placed to deliver the contract, achieving scores well above the minimum threshold.

3.6 The contract will commence on 10.12.2018 and end on 31.03.2020.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Lead officers for migration in local authorities across Yorkshire and the Humber were consulted about the research proposal and funding bid, and expressed their support (for example at the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group on 19/10/2017). Two officers (from Barnsley and Hull councils) also advised the evaluation panel at interview stage.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Please see previously submitted equality impact assessment.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 This project will contribute to the Safe, Strong Communities priority area of the Best Council Plan, in particular the following priority: 'Being responsive to local needs, building thriving, resilient communities'. The Plan states that 'Leeds is a growing and richly diverse city ... As a City of Sanctuary, we celebrate this diversity and want Leeds to be welcoming city for all, where people get on with each other and feel they are part of their local neighbourhood'. This project will enable local authorities in the region, including Leeds, to better plan for the impact of migration at a neighbourhood level.

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 There are no resource implications for Leeds City Council as this project is funded by the MHCLG. Value for money was a criterion in the assessment of tender applications. The total grant for the project awarded by MHCLG to Migration Yorkshire is £396,930. This external funding means that resources are being brought into the region. The project will enable additional dialogue between local authorities about managing migration and encouraging cohesive communities. The project end date is the end of March 2020.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 The value of the contract is no more than £150,000 and as such is a Significant Operational Decision, and will be published on the Council's website.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 The contract will be managed and monitored by Migration Yorkshire throughout the project to ensure that the contractor is delivering the research as required.

5 Recommendations

The Chief Officer Communities is recommended to approve the award of the contract to undertake the qualitative research for the project 'Place-based data and mitigating local impacts of migration' to IPPR.

6 Background documents¹

6.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.